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Illinois American Water's Interurban (Metro East) District is investing more than \$5.6 million to upgrade its water service distribution system, according to a press release.

The investment includes replacing and installing over six miles of water main across the southern Illinois service area, including Granite City, Belleville and East St. Louis.

According to Karen Cooper, senior manager of field operations and production, Illinois American Water's water main replacement program focuses on replacing mains where leaks occur, corrosion has caused damage or the size of the pipe isn't sufficient. Much of the pipe to be replaced will be upsized from 2-inch galvanized pipe to 4-inch and 6-inch ductile iron pipe.

"Continuous investment in our local water infrastructure is critical for ensuring customers receive quality, reliable drinking water service," Cooper said. "This work to replace and upgrade water mains will help ensure adequate water pressure and flow to homes, businesses and for fire protection. Water main replacements also help to decrease the occurrence of water main breaks and related traffic and service impact."

Customers affected directly by the work will be notified via letter about the any necessary steps. The letter will include a local contact for questions.

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Illinois American Water reminds motorists traveling through construction zones to obey work zone speed limits, focus on the road and discontinue the use of cell phones.

Illinois American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 1.3 million people. American Water also operates a customer service center in Alton and a quality control and research laboratory in Belleville.

With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,900 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 46 states and Ontario, Canada.

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